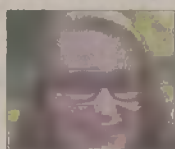


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COVID-19 cases are still a concern

LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Managing Editor**WINDSOR** – COVID-19 is still a challenge in Bertie and surrounding counties 18 months later.

Albemarle Regional Health Services (ARHS) issued its

current regional COVID-19 update on Friday, Sept. 17. The updates are released on Friday each week, showing the updated information on vaccines, active cases and facility outbreaks. The report includes Bertie County.

According to the report,

there have been 2,262 lab confirmed cases of COVID-19 for the county, with 2,130 of those cases considered recovered. There were 84 active COVID-19 cases reported.

This is an increase of new 93 COVID-19 positive since

the report from Sept. 10. The number of current positive cases also decreased by 100 cases.

Sadly, there have been 48 deaths due to the virus.

ARHS is reporting one new death related to COVID-19 in Bertie County. The individu-

al was in the 18-24 age range.

As of press time, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) COVID-19 Dashboard for Monday, Sept. 20 shows the current overall

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Youth class slated

Classes include leadership skills

BRANDICE HOGGARD
Staff Writer**AULANDER** – Ever thought about wanting to change the world?

Well why not be the change what one wants to see in the world.

One can learn how to change the game by attending Game Changers 3:30-6 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday, beginning Oct. 5 at Place of Possibilities located at 1144 Hexlena Rd in Aulander.

The Rev. Dr. Laura Early will be teaching 20 passionate students on how to make a difference through leadership skills and more.

Game Changers will be providing one hour of homework assistance along with recreations for the student that will be attending.

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The Steadfast Quartet performed classic gospel melodies for spectators at the 2021 Askewville Fun Day.

Fun Day was a big success

BRANDICE HOGGARD
Staff Writer**ASKEWVILLE** – Fun Day in Askewville took place Saturday Sept. 18.

Many families came out and enjoyed the Askewville Fun Day activities what consisted of yard sales, vendors, bounce houses for children, crafts, food and entertainment.

RT Johnson Band, along with the Steadfast Quartet performed live at Askewville Fun Day for entertainment.

The events for the day all began at different times that morning.

The yard sale opened up at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday. Following the yard sale opening the vendors opened at 9 a.m. and then live entertainment along with all of the children's

activities began between 10-10:30 a.m.

Gloria Bryant, Mayor of Askewville, said "Askewville Fun Day had a good crowd. The crowd was a bit smaller than the past, but was good considering Covid."

All of these fun activities took place at the Askewville Community Building. The community building is located right beside Askewville Preschool at 121 Askewville Rd.

The vendors set up inside the community building for the event.

Other activities included a trackless train ride for the children, medical screenings and a free hot dog to the first 100 people that visited the town table after 10 a.m.

Some of the vendors that attended the event

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Vidant given award

Hospital named one of top 20

THADD WHITE
Group Editor**WINDSOR** – Vidant Bertie Hospital continues to be recognized for its care for its patients.

Recently, Vidant Bertie was named one of the top 20 critical access hospitals for Patient Satisfaction in the United States. The scoring was determined by the Chartis Center for Rural Health for Patient Satisfaction.

"Vidant Bertie is proud of the efforts of the physicians and staff who have contributed to our hospital receiving this designation," Vidant Bertie Hospital President Brian Harvill said. "Our results as a top 20 recipient in patient satisfaction means our community can count on us to deliver

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School board explores remote learning options

BY GENE MOTLEY
For the Bertie Ledger-Advance**WINDSOR** – While there has been a full return to face-to-face learning within Bertie County Schools, concerns

remain over in-person learning in the face of COVID-19.

At their monthly meeting here Sept. 14, members of the Bertie County Board of Education discussed a presentation from BCS Director of Curriculum and In-

struction Linda Bullock on a proposal that would give parents the choice to enroll their students in the district's virtual school instead.

Bullock said principals at the county's seven schools surveyed parents' prefer-

ence for a virtual learning option. Of the less than 20 percent of those who responded, results ranged from 51 percent in favor at West Bertie Elementary to 22 percent at Windsor and Colerain Elementary Schools.

The average for Bertie Middle School and the senior high programs of Bertie High and Bertie Early College was around 37 percent.

All elementary schools

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